

Appl. No. 09/891,976; filed 6/26/01
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Amdt. dated June 2, 2004

REMARKS

By amendment above, applicants are correcting the priority claim and updating the status of the applications to which priority is claimed.

The application as originally filed made reference on page 2 under "Related Applications" to two earlier filed U.S. applications (see Appendix A). More particularly, page 2 of the specification stated that the current application is a "continuation-in-part of application serial number 09/797,334, filed March 1, 2001, which is, in turn, continuation-in-part of application serial number 09/097,198 filed June 2, 1998, the disclosures of which are fully incorporated herein by reference." A copy of the filing receipt for the subject application is also enclosed as Appendix B.

Upon review of our file for Application No. 09/797,334, we discovered that Application No. 09/797,334 was in fact a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/097,198, filed August 18, 1999, which in turn was identified as a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/097,198, filed June 12, 1998, which in turn was identified as a continuation-in-part Application No. 09/149,265, filed September 8, 1998. Copies of page 2 of the specification and the official filing receipt of Application No. 09/797,334 are attached as Appendices C and D, respectively.¹

By amendment hereinabove, we are correcting the priority claim to indicate that Application No. 09/797,334 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/376,282, filed August 18, 1999. We have also updated the status of these two applications to indicate their "abandoned" status. In addition, we have eliminated the incorrect priority

¹ We note that Application No. 09/149,265, filed September 8, 1998 is in fact a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/097,198, filed June 12, 1998, and not vice versa as incorrectly indicated in Appendices C and D.

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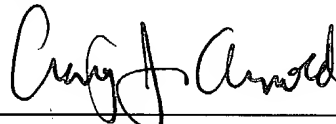
claim to Application No. 09/097,198, filed June 2, 1998, which has no inventors in common with the subject application.

If any extension of time fee is deemed necessary to preserve the pendency of the subject application, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

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RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of application serial number 09/797,334, filed March 1, 2001 which is, in turn, continuation-in-part of application serial number 09/097,198 filed June 2, 1998, the disclosures of which are fully incorporated herein by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to a method of making absorbent articles with wings (flaps) and is particularly related to a method of attaching wings to the chassis of an absorbent article. In one specific aspect, the present invention relates to a method of attaching wings to the chassis of an absorbent article by a continuous method which is suitable for commercial production. In another specific aspect, the present invention relates to such method for formation of T-shaped absorbent articles.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Absorbent articles such as diapers, incontinent undergarments, sanitary napkins and the like are widely used in various homes, hospitals and health care institutions. Typically, an absorbent article such as, e.g., a diaper, comprises a chassis defined basically by a liquid permeable topsheet, a liquid impervious backsheet and an absorbent sheet or layer sandwiched between the topsheet and the backsheet. Sometimes, the chassis may also include an acquisition layer disposed between the topsheet and absorbent sheet and one or more other layers for one purpose or another. The chassis itself has a front waist section and a backwaist section, the waist section being somewhat flared so that the flared portion may be wrapped around the torso of the wearer, and fastening means or adhesive strips are used to secure the flared portions (wings) together.



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RELATED APPLICATIONS

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to absorbent articles such as disposable diapers, infant training pants, adult incontinent briefs and underpants used for absorption and containment of urine and other body exudates. More particularly, this invention relates to a fastening system used in such articles for providing an improved and effective means of detachably securing the front and rear of such articles. In one particular aspect, this invention relates to providing such fasteners in T-shaped briefs.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The aforementioned copending application serial number 09/376,282 describes an embodiment of the invention therein which is directed to a generally T-shaped brief, e.g., a diaper which comprises a chassis having two intersecting portions which together define a generally T-shaped configuration when the chassis is laid out flat and viewed in stretched position. One of the two portions or pieces is a crosspiece comprising opposed lateral segments or wings adapted to be wrapped around the waist of a wearer of the diaper such as to overlap each other, and the second portion or piece is vertical relative to the crosspiece and has a proximal end, and a distal end which can be passed under the crotch and folded upwardly and over the overlapped wings. The T-shaped diaper described in said copending application is provided with a fastening system designed to secure the diaper tightly but comfortably around the waist as illustrated in figures 23-28 of said application. Another variant of the invention, i.e., a generally L-shaped diaper is shown in figure 29. The disclosure of said application serial number 09/376,382 is fully incorporated herein by reference.



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Absorbent articles having improved fastening system

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